

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 are pending prior to entering the instant amendments.

The Amendments

Claims 6 and 7 are amended to delete "preventing."

Claim 12 and 25 are amended to correct a typographic error in each claim.

Claim 23 is amended to correct a typographic error; which was introduced in the second Preliminary Amendment.

New Claims 26 and 27 are similar to Claims 9 and 10 except the claim dependency.

No new matter is added in any of the above amendments. The Examiner is requested to enter the amendments.

The Response

Objection to Disclosure

The Brief Description of the Figures is amended to recite Figures 1-1 to 1-11. Therefore, the objection is overcome.

Provisional Double Patenting Rejections

Claims 1-5 and 21-25 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-2, 35 and 37-42 of copending Application No. 09/643,138.

Claims 6-20 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 3, 5-34 and 43-46 of copending Application No. 09/643,138.

Applicants are submitting herewith a Terminal Disclaimer to overcome the rejection.

35 USC § 112, First Paragraph Rejection

Claims 6-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, because the specification, while being enabling for a method of treating diseases or conditions associated with platelet

aggregation, does not reasonably provide enablement for a method of preventing diseases or conditions associated with platelet aggregation.

Applicants have amended the claims to delete "preventing." Therefore, the 112, first paragraph rejection of Claims 6-20 should be withdrawn.

35 USC § 112, Second Paragraph Rejection

Claim 23 is rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite.

Applicant has amended Claim 23 to recite a compound of Formula Ib'', which is defined in the claim. Therefore, the 35 USC § 112, second paragraph rejection should be withdrawn.

Claim Objection

Claim 23 is objected to for informality.

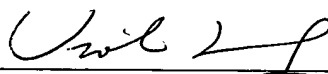
Applicant has amended Claim 23 to correct the typographic error; therefore, the claim objection should be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that the application is in good and proper condition for allowance. Early notification of allowance is earnestly solicited. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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